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THE LONDON ECLECTIC REVIEW.
DISCIPLINE, or Hints on the cul
tion of Intellectual Habits; address
particularly to Students in Theology
Young Preachers. By HENRY
BURDER, M. A.

This maxim has been often re
peated, that the most valuable
of education is that which a
gives to himself. Yet expe
rience shows, that the constant
of this truth upon young
men is a matter of great use
and utility. Persons who do not
possess the unconquerable force
of genius, that fire of soul which
shines for itself in any circum
stances, and under any disadvan
tages, require to be strongly cau
tioned against the opinion which
fosters indolence and levity,
ready to foster, that the toil
and responsibility of liberal in
struction lie wholly with the teach
er, and the learner has only to
submit himself up to passive impres
sion. Let every young person
know, that if he adopts this opinion,
he seals himself under the
curse of mediocrity, and worse
mediocrity. The gate of re
ason and the path of toil alone
lead to excellence.

invenit miseris dedit, et sua
sibi jussit fortuna preme
re. The importance of unwearied
assiduity in a course of mental im
provement, is evinced by the contrast ob
servable between different classes of Christian
Ministers.
From the observations and inquiries
I have made, in reference to the plans
pursued by young ministers after ter
minating their academic career, I have
been disposed to regard them as form
ing two distinct classes, the one class
consisting of those who, by a course of
mental discipline, are making every
year progressive and obvious advances
in their qualifications for public useful
ness; the other class, consisting of
those who, year after year, exhibit the
same unvarying complexion of intellec
tual character, without any perceptible
progress in comprehension of mind,
power of thought, or extent of know
ledge. Their resources appear to be ex
hausted; their sermons, instead of pre
senting to their hearers, "things new
and old," reiterate ideas perfectly fa
miliar, in forms of expression which may
be almost anticipated. It is scarcely
necessary to add, that under such min
istrations, but little interest is excited,
and little impression is produced. Indolence
on the part of the minister, induces stu
por on the part of the hearers; or if
their part stronger feelings are excited,
they are emotions of painful regret and
growing dissatisfaction.

On the other hand, the diligent stu
dent, guided by the noblest principles,
and impelled by the strongest motives,
is constantly adding to his stores of
knowledge, and his facilities for the dis
charge of professional duties. If his di
rect preparation for the pulpit, rendered
easier by the power of habit, and the
augmentation of his materials of thought,
demand a less proportion of his time, he
by no means contracts within narrower
limits, the efforts of his mind, but de
lights in the opportunity afforded for
the accumulation of the most important
knowledge. By diligently pursuing this
course, he must be necessarily increas
ing his ministerial qualifications, and ris
ing in the estimation of the people of
his charge.

ORNITHOLOGY.

FROM WILSON'S "AMERICAN ORNITHO
LOGY."
THE IVORY-BILL'D WOODPECKER OF
NORTH-AMERICA.

This majestic and formidable
species, in strength and magni
tude, stands at the head of the
whole class of Woodpeckers hith
erto discovered. He may be called
the king or chief of his tribe;
and nature seems to have designed
him a distinguished characteristic
in the superb crest, and bill of po
lished ivory, with which she has
ornamented him. His eye is bril
liant and daring, and his whole
frame so admirably adapted to his
mode of life, and method of pro
curing subsistence, as to impress
on the mind of the examiner, the
most reverential ideas of the Cre
ator. His manners have also a
dignity in them superior to the
common herd of Woodpeckers.
Trees, shrubbery, orchards, rails,
fence posts, and old prostrate logs,
are alike interesting to those, in
their humble and indefatigable
search for prey; but the royal hun
ter now before us, scorns the hum
ility in such situations, and seeks
the most towering trees of the for
est, seeming particularly attach
ed to those prodigious cypress
swamps, whose crowded giant spires
stretch their bare and blasted or
moss hung arms midway to the
skies. In their almost inaccessible
recesses, amidst ruinous piles of
impending timber, his trum
pet like note and loud strokes re
sound through the solitary savage
wilds, of which he seems the sole
lord and inhabitant. Wherever he
frequents, he leaves numerous
monuments of his industry behind
him.

We there see enormous pine
trees, with cart loads of bark lying
round their roots, and chips of the
trunk itself, in such quantities as
to suggest the idea that half a
dozen of axemen had been at work
there for the whole morning. The
body of the tree is also disfigured
with such numerous and so long
excavations, that one can hardly
conceive it possible for the whole
to be the work of a Woodpecker.
With such strength and apparatus
so powerful, what havoc might he
not commit, if numerous, on the
most useful of our forest trees: and
yet, with all these appearances,
and much vulgar prejudice against
him, it may fairly be questioned
whether he is at all injurious, or
at least, whether his exertions do
not contribute most powerfully to
the protection of our timber. Ex
amine closely the tree where he
hath been at work, and you will
soon perceive that it is neither
from motives of mischief or amuse
ment, that he slices off the bark,
or digs his way into the trunk—for
the sound and healthy tree is not
the object of his attention. The
diseased, infested with insects, and
hastening to putrefaction, are his
favorites; there the deadly crawl
ing enemy has formed a lodg
ment, between the bark and tender
wood, to drink up the very vital
part of the tree. It is the ravages
of these vermin which the intelli
gent proprietor of the forest de
plores as the sole perpetrators of
the destruction of his timber.

Would it be believed that the lar
væ of an insect, or fly, no larger
than a grain of rice, should silen
tly, and in one season, destroy some
thousands of acres of pine trees,
many of them from two to three
feet in diameter, and a hundred
and fifty feet high? Yet, who
ever passes from Georgetown to
Charleston, in South Carolina,
about twenty miles from the for
mer place, can have striking and
melancholy proofs of this fact. In
some places, the whole woods, as
far as you can see around you, are
dead, stripped of their bark, their
wintry looking arms and bare
trunks bleaching in the sun, and
tumbling in ruins before every
blast, presenting a frightful picture
of desolation.
In looking over the accounts
given of the Ivory-billed woodpeck
er by the naturalists of Europe, I
find it asserted, that it inhabits

from New Jersey to Mexico. I
believe, however, that few of them
are ever seen in the north of Vir
ginia, and very few of them in that
state. The first place I observed
this bird at, when on my way to
the south, was about 12 miles from
Wilmington, in North Carolina.
There I found the bird from which
the drawing of the figure was tak
en. This bird was only wounded
slightly in the wing; and on being
caught, uttered a loudly reiterated
and most piteous note, exactly re
sembling the violent crying of a
young child, which terrified my
horse, so as nearly to have cost me
my life. It was distressing to hear
it. I carried it with me in the
chair, under cover, to Wilming
ton. In passing through the
streets, its affecting cries surprised
every one within hearing, particu
larly the females, who hurried to
the doors and windows with looks
of alarm and anxiety.

I drove on; and on arriving at
the piazza of the hotel, where I
intended to put up, the landlord
came forward, and a number of
other persons who happened to be
there, all equally alarmed at what
they heard: this was greatly in
creased by my asking, whether he
could furnish me with accommo
dations for myself and baby. The
man looked blank and foolish,
while the others stared with still
greater astonishment. After di
verting myself for a minute or two
at their expense, I drew my Wood
pecker from under the cover, and
a general laugh took place. I
took him up stairs, and locked him
up in my room, while I went to
see my horse taken care of. In
less than an hour I returned, and
opening the door, he set up the
same distressing shout, which now
appeared to proceed from grief,
that he had been discovered in his
attempt to escape. He had mount
ed along the side of the window,
nearly as high as the ceiling, a lit
tle below which he had begun to
break through. The bed was cov
ered with large pieces of plaster;
the lath was exposed for at least
15 inches square, and a hole large
enough to admit the fist, opened
to the weather boards, so that in
less than one hour, he would cer
tainly have succeeded in making
his way through. I now tied a
string round his leg, and fastened
it to the table and again left him.
I wished to preserve his life, and
had gone off in search of suitable food
for him.

As I re-ascended the stairs, I
heard him again hard at work; and
on entering had the mortification
to perceive that he had almost en
tirely ruined the mahogany table
to which he was fastened, and on
which he had wreaked his whole
vengeance. While engaged in
taking the drawing he cut me in
several places; and, on the whole,
displayed such a noble and uncon
quered spirit, that I was frequen
ly tempted to restore him to his
native woods. He lived with me
nearly three days, but refused all
sustenance; and I witnessed his
death with regret.

[This fine bird is now in Peale's
Museum, in Philadelphia, placed
in an appropriate attitude of at
tack upon the trunk of a tree—
Star.]

EVANGELICAL.

REVIEW OF EVANGELICAL AND MIS
SIONARY FEELING.
Dr. PRICE, before he left America,
made an abstract from the Minutes of
the several Associations throughout
the country, embracing a view of the
state of Missionary feeling, &c. among
the Baptists in the United States. This
abstract was published in the Lumina
ry, and formed an interesting docu
ment. A similar statement has been
collected from the Minutes of the last
Associations, and we this day com
mence publishing it, presuming that
it will be gratifying to all who wish
for the prevalence of enlightened and
correct feeling in our churches, on
the momentous subject of Missions.
MAINE.—The Eastern Maine
Association sympathize with the
Board of Managers of the General
Convention of the Baptist Deno
mination in the United States for

Foreign Missions, in those feelings
which a view of their mission sta
tions is calculated to excite. They
have it in contemplation to employ
a judicious missionary, who shall
labour in the destitute region ly
ing from the river St. Croix along
the most northerly inhabited parts
of Maine. New-Hampshire, Ver
mont, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania,
Ohio, Mississippi Territory gener
ally, and in Indiana and Illinois; and
recommend that each member of
the Association devote one cent a
month for domestic missions. Were
each individual of our numerous
associations to adopt this plan, the
amount that would flow into the
treasury of the Lord, would, under
His blessing, soon make the desert
blossom as the rose, and the solita
ry places be glad.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Boston.—"In
the year past, Christians have seen
with inexpressible joy, the word of
God magnified in the salvation of
his elect. And we do hope the day
is near when all the faithful
heralds of the Cross shall say to
every opposing foe in the strength
of faith, 'Who art thou, O great
Mountain? before Zerubbabel
thou shalt become a plain.' For
this great end, let our united and
incessant prayers ascend to God;
let us be active in labouring for
perishing souls."

The Worcester Association has
recommended to the members of
churches in its connexion to unite
with other Christians in making ar
rangements for a religious cele
bration of the fourth of July, in
respect of difference in politi
cal or religious opinion.

They say "The worship of God
has, in all ages, been attend
ed with expense, from the lamb that
Abel offered, to the last collection
taken for missionary purposes.—
Excluding, as we do, all legal
compulsion in the support of reli
gious opinion, (other than in se
curing the performance of volun
tary contracts,) principle must sup
ply the place of force. And a cor
rect view of the nature and im
portance of religious instruction,
added to a liberal state of reli
gious feeling, will prompt men to li
berality in their pecuniary support.
Pious gratitude, from the days of
David to the present time, will ask
'What shall I render unto the Lord
for all His benefits?' An enlight
ened mind and a liberal heart
will not be at a loss to answer."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Meredith.—
"That remarkable spirit of prayer
and supplication, which is excited
among Christians, both in Europe
and America, and those unexam
pled exertions which have been
made and are still making for the
purpose of sending the Gospel
among the destitute, indicate that
the time is come, or is near at
hand, for the fulfilment and ac
complishment of the prophecies of
Scripture, relative to the salvation
of God's people. In view of what
is already effected, through the
instrumentality of the missionaries
of the Cross, in the country, and
especially in these and distant
climes among the heathen, we are
ready to exclaim—What hath God
wrought!"

Salisbury.—"It is with pleasure
we take a retrospect of the special
smiles of heaven on us in this nor
thern region. In the day of small
things, we were ready to say, by
whom shall Jacob arise, for he is
small? But notwithstanding our
fears, the great Redeemer and
Preserver of Israel, whose watch
ful eye never sleeps, has contin
ually watched over us, and protect
ed us from our enemies, and hath
graciously gathered many who
were given to him by the Father,
the purchase of his own blood, in
to His fold. With holy rapture
we may indeed exclaim—What
hath God wrought!"

VERMONT.—Fairfield.—"From
many of our churches no very
cheering information has been re
ceived. Still they all evince a
good degree of union, and a de
termination to persevere; and from
several of them we learn, with pe
culiar satisfaction, that they have,
during the past year, enjoyed a
peculiar season of the outpouring
of the Spirit, and received some
addition to their numbers."

Woodstock.—"The intelligence
we receive from your Minutes and
messengers is truly refreshing to
our souls. With us, however,
there have not been extensive re
vivals of religion: but, as you will
perceive by our Minutes, some
mercy drops have fallen on a few
of our churches. The united
cause of missions and education
lies near the hearts of our brethren
generally; although the pressure
of the times greatly prevents effi
cient exertions. May this glori
ous cause flourish extensively un
der the fostering care of the Al
mighty King of Zion. May the
glory of the Lord soon fill the
whole earth, and all flesh see the
salvation of our God.

"Dear brethren, let us pray, and
preach, and live, and do, and God
will bless us in the extension of
His Kingdom, and in the salvation
of souls."

Shafesbury.—"It is rather a
low time with some of our churches,
though some of them have experi
enced a refreshing from the pre
sence of the Lord. Though a
thick cloud darkens the prospects
of the Burmah mission, let us not
indulge a discouraging thought.—
Let not this dampen our mission
ary spirit, or relax our zeal to aid
with our prayers, and our sub
stance, in sending the word of life
to the millions perishing for lack
of knowledge. The foundation of
God standeth sure; He is not
slack concerning His promises; the
Gospel must and will be preached
in all the world."

RHODE-ISLAND.—Warren Associ
ation.—"When we turn our at
tention to the East, spiritual pros
pects brighten. On the authority
of the Rev. Dr. Marshman, it was
stated last October, that a large
number of native converts had
been baptized in the vicinity of
Calcutta the two preceding years,
than for three years prior to that
time. And Burmah, by no means
the least among the idolaters, had,
nearly a year ago, as many hope
fully pious souls as would have
saved Sodom! Lord, wilt thou
not spare Burmah for ten's sake?
Brethren, is it longer doubtful
whether the time has come to build
the house of the Lord? Lift up
your eyes, and look Northward,
Southward, Eastward, Westward.
The Islanders of the Pacific—the
Hindoe and the African—the red
men of the forests, and the rem
nant of Israel, are bowing to the
Saviour. And have we nothing to
do? Ah, this question has fre
quently been asked, though, we
fear, but a small part of its import
has yet been felt. Shall a handful
of missionaries, scattered amongst
six hundred millions of idolaters,
be labouring, sighing, weeping,
and wearing out their lives,—and
shall we not mingle our sympa
thies, our tears, and our prayers
with theirs? Shall we not feel
obligated to replenish the treasury
of the Lord, that they may be
enabled to carry forward the great
design which GOD will make
them instrumental to fulfil?"

CONNECTICUT.—Union.—"We
lament that we have occasion to
say it is a low time with most of
our churches, though some have
enjoyed a refreshing from the pre
sence of the Lord. A few years
past we had the happiness of giv
ing information of precious reviv
als of religion among us, and
numbers were added to our church
es; but, the past year, we have
heard glorious things spoken of the
City of God, and some of us have
witnessed the work of God with
power, in other parts, while only
some few mercy drops have fallen
on the thirsty part of Zion."

New-London.—"Although we
have reason to lament the destitute
state of some of our churches, and
the unfaithfulness of others, yet
God has not forsaken His heri
tage; but drops of mercy as to
kens of the Divine favour, have
given us strength to confide in the
precious promises of the Gos
pel."

Hartford.—"We feel to re
joice that exertions continue to be
made to spread the word and Glos
sary of our Divine Redeemer,
among the heathen; in this we
feel it our duty to lend a help."

[illegible]

serious attention of the
to the subject of Dom
ons. Besides Maryland
any other sections of
a great need of Miss
many neighbouring
niles from this city,
red with preaching,
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isation of the Gospel
able to support a mi
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orth to labour among
continued fervent pray
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result. We might, in
mption, entertain the
the waste places of ou
soon be rebuilt, the
d soon hear the voice
g in our land, that the
ho are always raising
against foreign mis
be confounded, if not
that a more active
spirit of charity would
generally, and greater
be made to send the
e heathen. But here
ulties may be started—
we find labourers, and
we obtain funds? As
we would suggest that
attention be paid to the
of the Saviour, a Pray
of the harvest, that he
forth more labourers.
be made a special subje
on in all our public
y, and closer devotion
s reflection, and ear
ience around the world,
us that, of a truth, the
is plentiful, but the la
are few; and in addition
that we manifest the
our prayers by using
s in our power to send
whom the Lord has ab
d to labour for him. It
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compelled to devote the
part of their time to so
employment for the
of their families—
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doubt not that some at
e would be as willing
the gospel," by becom
ic missionaries, as by
ent pursuits—and wh
h remains for them to
we suffer them to be
about what might as
by others?—How can
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those whom the Lord
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our hands from this
offer up the prayer of
cannot doubt that many
isters of the New Test
ld be given as a blessing
rch—and this obstacle
removed.

RELIGIOUS.

hen for his inheritance, and the
most parts of the earth for
session, and that the whole
th shall be filled with the
ledge of his glory as the wa
cover the sea."
HERBERT C. THOMSON, R. S.
31, 1822.

acts from a Narrative of the
ate of Religion within the
nds of the General Assembly
the Presbyterian Church;
d of the General Association
Connecticut and Massachu
ts, and of the General Con
of Vermont, during the
t year.

ere is one subject to which
assembly advert with the most
feelings. Vast sections of
country, particularly our front
are destitute of the stated
s of grace, and are loudly call
upon us, in the words of the
of Macedonia, *come over and*
ata.

most of these destitute parts
country, pernicious errors
assiduously and successfully
agated; and in all of them
immoralities abound. Re
ed from the benign influence
of the gospel of Jesus, without its
ful restraints, destitute of
aths and Sanctuaries, un
ed by the solemn admonitions,
ncheered by the glorious
of the Gospel, multitudes
live in sin, and die in im
e. Seldom does the he
of salvation raise his inviting
among them, and seldom do
ounds of prayer and praise
as grateful offerings to
n. And these are our bre
bone of our bones, and flesh
flesh; many of their fathers
ipped with our fathers in the
Sanctuary, and with many
em we have gone up to the
of God. Surely their claims
our christian liberality are
arly strong; and we cannot
their earnest requests that
uld send them the word of
e refused.

is truly gratifying to learn,
very earnest desire is felt,
laudable zeal shown, to ob
the gospel ministry in these
ate parts of our land. Many
followers of Jesus offer up
in their fervent prayers, that
uld send among them faith
ourers; and Sabbath day
s, and Missionary, and Edu
Societies, have been in some
established. In some in
s, the destitute congregations
ere in maintaining public
pp; and there is an increas
e to the means of grace,
we heard, too, with pleasure,
in many of these destitute
of our land, ministers have
ntly gone forth in company,
three at a time, and preach
visited, and God has greatly
ed their labours.

eral patronage has generally
extended to the various bene
and pious institutions, which
established within our bounds,
any Missionary, and Educa
and Bible Societies are flour
It has given the Assembly
ed joy, to hear of the very
ing condition, and the in
g prosperity of the Ameri
ble Society. During the
ear a considerable addition,
en made, both to its funds,
to the number of auxiliary
es connected with it. We
ur fervent prayers that the
g of the God of heaven may
on it. Several societies for
ducation of poor and pious
who have the gospel minis
view, have been established
the past year; and the
es appear in some degree to
aking to a sense of the im
ce of this subject.

also gratifying to learn that
ill blesses with the influences
Spirit several of our Col
Hamilton College has about
udents, a majority of whom
pious. Union College has
40 students, and of these
to are hopefully pious.
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ster, to afford a passage to the
Russians into Bessarabia, as soon
as war commenced.

Some movements are said to
have taken place in the Russian
army commanded by count Wit
genstein.

Asia.—It is stated in a New
York paper, on the authority of a
letter from Canton of the 4th of
February, that the differences with
the English were compromised,
and the English vessels permitted
to go up and load. The letter
mentions that the terms insisted
upon by the Chinese were com
plied with by the English traders,
who have agreed to send out two
men from England within a fixed
period, to be given up to atone for
the death of the Chinese subjects.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The U. S. Felucca *Bull Dog*, was lost
on the 26th April off the W. end of Belle
Pass, after having experienced one of the
severest blows ever known in the Gulf.
Four of the crew were lost. Sailing
Master Conson, and five of the crew,
saved themselves by clinging to light
articles that floated from the wreck.

New method of rigging Ships.—Lieut.
Allen, of the U. S. Navy, has devised a
plan by which a ship's standing rigging
may be taken down and again replaced,
in part or in whole, in port or at sea,
with great facility, and without disturb
ing the topmasts or yards, which is par
ticularly beneficial, as it enables the
mariner, in a gale, to replace any article
of running rigging. It also saves much
injury to the mast heads, and to the rig
ging, which both are subject to, by pla
cing the eyes of the shrouds and stays
over the mast heads for this valuable
improvement. Lieut. Allen has received
a patent from the President, under the
great seal of the United States.

Hemp and flax.—These raw materials
are about to become second in im
portance only to cotton, and their product
may be even more valuable. We have
before us beautiful specimens of home
made flaxen thread, at 50 and 75 cents
per lb. A late Kentucky paper says:
"Mr. Day's valuable machine for clean
ing hemp, has been found to answer the
most sanguine expectation of the public.
The hemp, which this machine turns
out, is, unrotted, much stronger than
that dressed in the old way, more beau
tiful, and yields a larger quantity. It
already commands a higher price than
Russian hemp." This is great news!

Iron Vessel.—A vessel has been con
structed for the navigation of the Forth
and Clyde canal, in Scotland, entirely of
forged iron. It is larger and at the same
time lighter than any of those employed
it will contain 200 passengers.

THE STAR.

WASHINGTON CITY.
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1822.

FEMALE PIETY.

One of the most delightful fea
tures of the benevolent efforts of
the present age, is the active co
operation of the female sex. It
has ever been the province of wo
man to cheer and humanize man;
to solace his woes, and to refine
and grace his enjoyments. She
has been his earliest and most
constant friend, sustaining him in
adversity, and embellishing his
prosperous fortunes. But it is to
Christianity alone that she is in
debted for the elevation on which
she now stands. She exerts all
her powerful influence, under the
higher advantage of being re
garded as entitled to share in the
same intellectual pleasures, and
as equally interested in that life
and immortality, which are
brought to light in the Gospel.

Until within a few years, fe
males confined their efforts, in aid
of religion, to the circle of their
own families and neighbourhoods.
Here, indeed, they moved as burn
ing and cheering lights. But re
cently they have entered a wider
field, and given to their efforts a
far more extended scope. We
find them forming associations
in aid of Missionary efforts, for
the diffusion of Bibles and tracts,
for the support of schools, and,
in fine, for the instruction of igno
rance, and the alleviation of wo
wherever they may be found.—
Scarcely a town in our country is
without some of these combina
tions. To estimate the amount of
benefit resulting from these exer
tions, not only in their direct, but
in their reflected influence, we
must wait for the disclosures of
the last day.

There is something peculiarly
gratifying in this state of things.
It bodes well to the cause of
truth and benevolence, that the
fine affections and the quiet yet
enduring energy of females are
actively enlisted in its service.—
By assuming the province, so em
inently appropriate to their ha
bits and characters, of visiting
the distressed, clothing the nak
ed, instructing the ignorant, che
rishing the hapless orphan, and
causing the widow's heart to sing
for joy, they become the most suc
cessful allies of their brethren,
and the best almoners of their
bounty; while they leave them at
liberty to concert mightier pro
jects, and taking the wings of the
morning, to fly with the everlast
ing Gospel to the uttermost parts
of the earth. Their aid, too, in
replenishing the Missionary trea
sury, is highly important. It will
be found, on examination, that a
large proportion of the contribu
tions to Bible, Missionary, and
Education Societies, is supplied
by females.

It is highly necessary to the suc
cess of any project, that it be pur
sued, with undiminished ardour,
and with a spirit prepared to meet
and triumph over every obstacle.
These requisites are found in the
female character. While it poss
esses a sensitive delicacy, which
inclines it to shrink from rough
collision with the jarring ele
ments of the world, it is endued
with an unconquerable spirit,
which difficult occasions call into
exercise. The moment in which
man desponds, is the very juncture
which summons up the slum
bering energies of a woman's
soul. Her piety, too, is generally
of a brighter character. Her
temple of her heart is kept more
pure from worldly idolatries. It
savour little of enthusiasm, to
say, with a departed ornament of
our own country, "I believe, that
if Christianity should be forced to
flee from the mansions of the
great, the academies of philoso
phers, the halls of legislators, and
the throng of busy men, she would
find her last and purest retreat
with woman at the fire side. Her
last audience would be the chil
dren gathered round the knees of
a mother; her last altar would be
the female heart; her last sacrifice,
the secret prayer, escaping in si
lence from her lips, and heard on
ly at the throne of God."

But we must not pursue this
attractive theme. The Christian
cannot but rejoice, that she whose
tenderness guards the cradle;
whose charms and virtues cheer
and illumine every path of life;
and whose affectionate kindness
smooths the pillow of disease and
death, adds to her other benefi
cent offices, that of a minister of
mercy and salvation; and that,
"As the bird each fond endearment
tries,
To tempt her new fledged offspring to
the skies,
She tries each art, reproves each dull
delay,
Alures to brighter worlds, and leads
the way."

ELOQUENCE OF ST. PAUL.

From the effects produced by
the eloquence of St. Paul, in con
verting the heathen, in shaking
the conscience of the voluptuous
Felix, and in almost persuading
the temporizing Agrippa to be a
Christian, we are justified in be
lieving that his powers were of a
high order. A circumstance is
mentioned in the Spectator, No.
633, which, if entitled to credit, is
worthy of remark. It is there
stated, that a fragment of Longi
nus is preserved at the beginning
of a manuscript in the Vatican
Library, in which this renowned
critic, after enumerating the most
celebrated Grecian orators, says,
"Add to these Paul of Tarsus,
the patron of an opinion not yet
fully proved." If authentic, this
passage proves that his fame had
widely extended itself. Indeed,
his powers could not but be dis
tinguished, to whom the inhabi
tants of Lystra were about to of
fer sacrifice, as to Mercury, the
god of eloquence.

COMPOSING SERMONS.

The editor of Massillon's Lent
Sermons speaks of it as a "pro
digious facility"—"*une facilité qui*
tient du prodige"—that they were
generally composed in ten or
twelve days each. He adds,
"How many practised sermon writ
ers (*gens mème du metier*) would
find, that this time would hardly
suffice to form and well arrange
the plan?"

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO.

We observe, in a Cincinnati
paper, an advertisement, com
mending to the attention of the
public, the Grammar School con
nected with this Institution, which
is under the superintendence of
the Rev. Spencer Clark. It is
said to be in a flourishing condi
tion. The terms of tuition are
seven dollars a session, compris

ing five months. Oxford is repre
sented to be a very eligible situa
tion, in regard to health. Stu
dents intended for the Ministry,
who come well recommended, are
instructed gratuitously in the La
tin, Greek, and Hebrew langua
ges. From our personal know
ledge of the piety, diligence, and
talents of Mr. Clark, we doubt not
that his services will be eminent
ly beneficial to the students com
mitted to his care, and to the In
stitution with which the school is
connected.

MASONIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

A society, entitled the "Palestine
Masonic Missionary Society," has
been formed at Louis
ville, (Ken.) the object of which
is, to assist in spreading the Holy
Scriptures, "the great light of
Masonry," in those countries from
which it was received. It is com
posed, as its name imports, of
Masons.

STEAM BOAT CONTROVERSY.

An unpleasant collision has ta
ken place between the legislatures
of Connecticut and New York,
respecting the navigation of the
waters of the respective states,
by Steam Boats. The latter state
granted to certain individuals the
exclusive right of navigating her
waters with Steam Boats, which
of course operated as an exclu
sion of the citizens of other states.
The Legislature of Connecticut
has recently retaliated, by exclud
ing from her waters, boats be
longing to citizens of New York.
The line of boats between New
York and New Haven is conse
quently suspended; and will pro
bably be now established between
New York and Newport or Pro
vidence, in Rhode Island. This
arrangement would ensure a more
ready intercourse between New
York and Boston, than subsisted
by means of the old line.

Every one must regret to see
the state authorities at variance.
Danger to the harmony of the
union may hereafter result from
such a misunderstanding. It is
hoped that the controversy in
question will soon be decided by
the Supreme Court.

H. G. Otis, Esq. of Massachu
setts, has resigned his seat in the
Senate of the United States. Mr.
Lloyd, formerly a member of the
Senate, has been elected to suc
ceed him.

Mr. Denison and Mr. Baldwin,
members of the House of Re
presentatives, from Pennsylvania,
have declined a re-election.

The health of the latter gen
tleman was seriously impaired
during the last winter, and he is
yet confined in this city by indis
position.

Mr. Nelson of Maryland, and
Mr. Reid of Georgia, members
of the House of Representatives,
have also withdrawn their names
as candidates for the next election.

Mr. Hendricks, of Indiana, has
resigned his seat in the House.—
He is a candidate for the office of
Governor of that state.

FROM THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER.
The Commissioners for the ad
justment of claims under the Flo
rida treaty, met on the 11th inst.
the day to which they had ad
journd on the 11th of March last.
Mr. White and Mr. Tazewell only
being present, they adjourned,
without entering into business,
until Wednesday, when the ar
rival of the third Commissioner,
Mr. King, completed the Board.
Having fixed the hour of meeting
at ten o'clock, the Board then ad
journd.

On Thursday morning they
proceeded to dispose of the new
memorials, which had been filed
in pursuance of their last orders,
the number of which, we under
stand, considerably exceeds five
hundred, thus making the whole
number of memorials filed more
than sixteen hundred. The exa
mination of the new memorials
will probably occupy the Board
for three weeks or a month. Whe
ther they will enter upon any
other division of their labours at
the expiration of that time, or al
low further time to the claimants,
by adjournment to some future
day, is not yet known. We ap
prehend, however, that, as the
mere reception or rejection of me
morials forms but the smallest
part of their laborious duties, they
will find themselves compelled

very soon to shut the door again
all *harcassations*, and proceed
to the examination of the volumi
nous documents in support of the
several claims.

RATTLESNAKES.

There were recently killed, in
the neighbourhood of Mount Ven
ison, Illinois, 155 Rattlesnakes,
and 26 of other kinds,—total 181.

FROM THE PHILADELPHIA FREEMAN'S JOURNAL.

The long expected union of
the General Assembly of the Pres
byterian Church and the General
Synod of the Associate Reform
ed Church, has at length been
completed and ratified. This, as
might have been expected, is a
matter of great joy and rejoicing
to all the sincere lovers of that
Saviour, who is emphatically de
nominated the Prince of Peace.

To give to such therefore an op
portunity of venting this, their
spiritual joy, the General Assem
bly held on Wednesday afternoon
22d inst. a special meeting for
Prayer and Thanksgiving to Al
mighty God, in which their bre
thren from the Associate Reform
ed Church, who have now become
one with them, united together
with other Christians, who were
convinced that it is a delightful
thing for brethren to dwell to
gether in unity. The exercises of
this very interesting meeting,
were very solemn and impressive,
and could not fail to excite in the
bosom of every one present, feel
ings of a most animating and
pleasing kind.

St. Mary's Church, Philadelphia.
—We are gratified to learn that
the differences existing in this
congregation, are likely to be set
tled. It will be recollected that
two sets of trustees were returned
as chosen, and neither would give
way; but it has been agreed that
a new election shall be held under
the superintendence of *pro-tem*
gentlemen, of great respectability,
who will, no doubt, conduct the
matter fairly and put to rest the
jarring elements of discord. We
rejoice at this proceeding—it is
liberal, it is truly catholic. The
judges are Horace Binney, and C.
C. Biddle, esquires, and Gen. Cad
wallader.

ORDINATION.
On the 26th ult. Joseph Wans
ton Allen, of North Kingston,
was solemnly ordained to the
work of the Gospel Ministry, in
the Baptist Meeting-house, in
Wickford, Rhode Isl-nd.

MARRIED.
At the Presbyterian meeting house,
in West Bloomfield, on the 26th of April,
by the Rev. Ebenezer Fitch, Mr. ISAAC
PROCTOR, of New Hampshire, to Miss
FANNY ANDRES, of Bloomfield. An af
fectionate address was delivered on the
occasion by Dr. Fitch to the new married
couple, who propose to join the Mission
Family in the Sandwich Islands.

At Albany, on Monday evening, the
Rev. Charles S. Stewart, of the Theolog
ical Seminary at Princeton, to Miss
HARRIET B. TIFFANY. The new married
couple are attached to the mission fam
ily about to depart for the Sandwich Is
lands. After the solemnization of their
union, a collection was taken up,
amounting to nearly 120 dollars, to aid
in the outfit of this family.

DIED.
In this city, on Wednesday morning
last, the Rev. JACOB HUTTON, in the
80th year of his age. Mr. Hutton was
a native of England, where most of his
labours in the gospel were performed.
For more than 50 years he was a faith
ful minister of Christ in the Baptist
Church. Having sustained a character
worthy of his profession during his whole
pilgrimage, he is gathered to his fathers
in the fullness of age. He closed his eyes
in the slumber of death, as might have
been expected from the tenor of his life,
in perfect peace, and confident hope of a
happy immortality.

On Wednesday the 5th inst. in Prince
William County, Va. of lingering con
sumption, Mrs. GRACY ANN BEAUGROVE,
in the 26th year of her age, wife of Mr.
Henry B. Beaugrove, Printer, of this place.
A husband and two infants are bereft of
an affectionate companion, and mother.

Report of Deaths in Washington City, during the month of May, 1822.

Consumption,	7
Do (coloured)	1
Pneumonia	3
Typhus fever	1
Puerperal Fever (non resident) . . .	1
Gun-Shot wound . . . (do) . . .	1
Diarrhoea	1
Fever,	1
Parturition	1
Convulsions (non resident) . . .	1
Suddenly	1
Drowned	1
Worms (coloured)	1
Still born	1
Total	24

Adults 16
Children 6
By order of the Board of Health.
June 3d, 1822.

POETRY.

FROM BALDWIN'S LONDON MAGAZINE.

THE RAINBOW.

The evening was glorious, and light through the trees
Pleaded the sunshine and rain-drops, the birds and the breeze;
The landscape, outstretching in loveliness, lay
On the lap of the year in the beauty of May:
For the Queen of the Spring, as she passed down the vale,
Left her robe on the trees, and her breath on the gale;
And the smile of her promise gave joy to the hours,
And flash in her footsteps sprang herbage and flowers.

The skies, like a banner at sunset unrolled,
O'er the west threw their splendour of azure and gold;
But one cloud at distance rose dense and increased,
Till its margin of black touched the zenith and east.

We gazed on the scenes while around us they glowed,
When a vision of beauty appeared on the cloud—
'Twas not like the Sun, as at mid-day we view,
Nor the Moon that rolls nightly through starlight and blue.

Like a Spirit, it came in the van of a storm!
And the eye, and the heart, hail'd its beautiful form;
For it looked not severe, like an Angel of Wrath,
But its garment of brightness illum'd its dark path.

In the hues of its grandeur, sublimely it stood,
O'er the river, the village, the field and the wood;
And river, field, village, and woodlands grew bright,
As conscious they gave and afforded delight.

'Twas the bow of Omnipotence; bent in His hand,
Whose grasp at Creation the Universe spann'd:
'Twas the presence of God, in a symbol sublime;
His vow from the flood to the exit of Time!

Not dreadful, as when in the whirlwind he pleads,
When storms are his chariot, and lightning his steeds:
The black clouds his banner of vengeance unfurl'd,
And thunder his voice to guilt-stricken world;

In the breath of his presence, when thousands expire,
And sea-bell with fury, and rocks burn with fire;
And the sword, and the plague-spot with death strew
The plain,
And vultures, and wolves, are the graves of the slain—

Not such was that Rainbow, that beautiful one!
Whose arch was refraction, its keystone the Sun;
A pavilion it seem'd where the Deity dwelt,
And justice and mercy met there, and embrace'd.

Awild, and it sweetly bent o'er the gloom,
Like Love o'er a death-couch, or Hope o'er the tomb;
Then left the dark scene, whence it slowly retir'd,
As Love had just vanish'd, or Hope had expired.

I gazed on the source of my song—
Till I beheld it these verses belong:
Its presence to all was the path of the Lord!
Each full heart expand'd—grew warm, and ador'd!

Like a visit—the converse of friends—or a day,
That flow, from my sight, passed far away;
Like that visit, that converse, that day—to my heart,
That bow from remembrance can never depart.

'Tis a picture in memory distinctly defined,
With the strong and unperishing colours of mind;
A part of my being beyond my control,
Beheld on that cloud, and transcribed on my soul.

MISCELLANY.

FROM THE BELLONS FALLS INTELLIGENCER.

THE CAUSE OF CONSCIENCE—CONSCIENCE OF
HER TALENTS OF REVENGE.

If some of the most striking
histories of duels, the effect they
have upon society, and upon the
duellists themselves, could be
collected, they would form per-
haps a voluminous but an instructive
work. It would probably fix
the attention of that great class
of persons who fling aside the
best written essay on the subject
as uninteresting, and who never
listen to the most eloquent ap-
peals from the pulpit. And since
almost every instance of a duel
fought has served to show how
much wretchedness it brings
down upon the survivor in this
world, without casting a fearful
glance to the miseries that await
him in another, such a work must
convey instruction. It has been
said that the fear of being com-
pelled to fight has probably often
restrained the tongue of slander,
for slanderers are generally cow-
wards, and preserved the reputa-
tion of many innocent families in-
volute. But if any one will examine
the histories of those duels which
come under his inspection, he will
find they arise frequently from the
most trivial and ridiculous causes,
from some harmless wit or imagi-
nary affront, when the plea of pre-
serving reputation could not be
urged. The following relation is
derived from the best authority.

Previous to the American Re-
volution, two young men, Charles
Mercer and Richard Reynolds,
were students together at one of
our most respectable colleges.
They were in the same class, and
intimate friends. Charles Mercer
was the son of a mechanic who
laboured hard and suffered many
deprivations that he might give
his son a good education. Charles
was superior to most young men
in personal appearance, and was
remarkable for his strength and
agility in athletic exercise. His
disposition was noble and gener-
ous. At the expiration of two
years in college, he was informed
by his father that he could no longer
support him there, from the un-
fortunate failure of a friend for
whom he had become responsible,
without depriving the younger
portion of his family of their ne-
cessary supplies. Mercer pre-
pared to leave college with a heart
lightened by the reflection that he
should no longer be a burden
but an assistant in his father's fa-
mily. At this period Reynolds
with a generosity that is seldom
found, informed Mercer's father
by a letter that he would from his
own abundant means, support his

friend until he should be able by
his own exertions to repay him.
He informed Mercer's father at
the same time of the growth of
their mutual love and esteem.
All the objections which young
Mercer could urge against this
arrangement were overruled by
his parents and he consented to
stay. Richard Reynolds was born
of the most respectable parents in
the town of B—. He was an only
son, heir to great wealth, and
possessed an abundant share of
spirits and vivacity. He was es-
teemed as one of the best scholars
in the class, but rather averse
to mathematical demonstration.
By his classmates he was deemed
a wild but not a vicious fellow.
He scorned to do a mean action,
but too easily suffered himself to
indulge in those vices which
eventually lead to crime. Mercer
now no longer a faithful adviser,
at the solicitation and by the ex-
ample of Reynolds, became his
companion in many imprudent
excesses. One evening the two
friends with two of their class-
mates assembled to drink wine,
and have what is generally term-
ed a social meeting. Presently
cards were introduced, and they
sat down to gamble. In choosing
partners at the commencement of
the game, Reynolds and Mercer
were opposed to one another.
Heated with wine Reynolds bet-
ted extravagantly, and lost seven
games in succession. At the end
of the sixth he declared that the
opposite party had cheated. This
gave rise to some dispute; but
saying that he would try them
again, he doubled the bet and lost
the seventh. Irritated beyond
measure, and always violent in
his passions, which were then
much heated by wine, he rose up,
threw down his cards, and struck
Mercer a blow in the face, at the
same time accusing him of cheat-
ing. A short contest ensued,
when Mercer by his great personal
strength seized both the hands
of his antagonist, and held him
perfectly at his mercy. The two
other young men were ineffectually
appealed to, and refusing to in-
terfere in the quarrel, left the
room. Reynolds, enraged to be
thus in the power of one who was
so much his debtor, called Mercer
a coward, a fawning hypocrite,
told him he dare not fight him
like a gentleman with swords,
and charged him with the benef-
its conferred on him by himself.
"You have dissolved every tie,"
called Mercer. "I will not be
called a coward by any man.
Your past favours—would to God
I had never received them—your
future favours I disdain. I will
meet you this moment at any
place you appoint." They imme-
diately sallied forth as the morn-
ing dawned to a retired spot, and
drew their swords upon each
other. Mercer had learnt the
art of fencing of an uncle who
was a good swordsman, and he
knew that he was superior to
Reynolds. He therefore contented
himself with parrying the vio-
lent blows of his adversary, and
at the same time gave him some
slight wounds to show that he was
completely in his power. Rey-
nolds was only rendered by this
conduct more furious, and even
foamed at his mouth with violent
rage. Extreme anger seems to
drive away every other passion
from the human breast but *cun-
ning*. Cunning is ever the faith-
ful ally and necessary companion
of revenge. Reynolds suddenly
dropping the point of his sword,
thrust it into the ground, and
held out his hand. "Give me
your hand, you are still the best
of friends—I am in the wrong,"
Mercer replied, "I am rejoiced to
see you return to your right mind.
I hope our friendship will become
the stronger from this unhappy
interruption; but I for ever de-
cline your further pecuniary as-
sistance." At the commence-
ment of the contest they had pul-
led of their coats. Mercer turn-
ed round to put his coat on, and
while he was swinging it over his
head, Reynolds drew his sword
from the ground and stabbed him
to the heart. No sooner was
the deed done than his reason,
which had been clouded by pas-
sion, returned. He raised the
bleeding body of his friend who
had fallen on his face,—beheld
his ghastly countenance just fixed
in death,—vainly attempted to
staunch the blood which gushed
from the wound, and fell back in
a swoon of agony and distress.—
So soon does punishment follow
in the footsteps of crime. By the
assistance of his still fond father
he escaped to France in a mer-
chantman. For a long time he
wandered through different parts
of Europe, till by the intervention
of his father's powerful friends in
England, he obtained the pardon
of the king. "Return, my son,"
said his father, "and close my
eyes in peace, for my life is drawing
to its close." He embarked in a
vessel bound to America; but be-
fore he arrived, his parents had
both died, leaving an immense
fortune at his disposal. But des-

tute of friends, of relations,
shunned by the virtuous, pitied by
few, life was a burden.—He pre-
sented himself at the bar of jus-
tice, and tearing the king's pardon
in pieces before the eyes of the
judges, he demanded the punish-
ment due to his crime. "I wish
for death—may my execution be
a warning example to those who
come after me." The judges re-
fused to pronounce his doom, de-
claring that the king's pardon
had been given, and though the
certificate had been destroyed it
still remained in force. Rey-
nolds returned home, but his
peace of mind was for ever lost.
In his reveries, in the midst of
the crowded circle, he would start
and shriek, declaring with great
vehemence of gesture, that he saw
the bloody body of Mercer. No-
thing could soothe the irritability
of his mind;—the hideous spec-
tacle met him in every path, and
was the subject of his nightly
dreams. The human frame is in-
capable of enduring for any length
of time such distress. He grew
emaciated, his eyes started from
their sockets, mortality quitted
their moorings, and he died in all
the agonies of despair.

SHORT HINTS TO PARENTS.

One of the distinctive qualities
of our nature is the principle of
curiosity. The disposition to pry
into the *how* and *why*, is some-
times seen from the very cradle;
and is always to be regarded as an
auspicious token; it being in fact
the germ of all future improve-
ment; the genuine bud of intel-
lectual fruit. Nor scarcely is it con-
ceivable, how great advantage
might be taken of such a toward
disposition, were it under the con-
stant management of superior skill,
united with patient industry. But
in the nurture and training up
of children, this important particu-
lar, for the most part, overlooked,
and their early curiosity either
damped or misdirected. And in
this way many are made dullards,
or frivolous, who might have been
shaped to intellectual excellence.

Children come into a world
where, to them, every thing is new
and strange; a world, of which,
and of all therein, they are utterly
ignorant. And how do these new-
born citizens of the world act?
Why, just as persons come to years
would act under like circumstan-
ces. God hath given them an ap-
petite for knowledge, and they
seek after it with ardency. What
is this? What is that made for?
How is it done, and why is it so?
These and scores of similar ques-
tions, are asked in early childhood,
and to them the information they
inquire after is material, though
their questions may seem trifling
in the eyes of those to whom the
things were long since known.

Were their inquiries properly
encouraged, it would lead them to
think for themselves; it would
put them upon the exercise of their
reason, as well as their memory.
At the same time, whenever there
was observable in them a forward-
ness, or any real impertinence,
it might easily be checked without
dampening their curiosity.

I have seen fathers so stately and
stern that their children scarcely
dare speak to them, and much less
familiarly to question them. And
I have seen schoolmasters who
would require the familiar question
of a little pupil, with a hard blow.
Thus the young mind is pinioned,
and then bid to soar.

At this uninformed period of life,
children are not only inquisitive,
but ready to believe every thing
they hear. And if parents are de-
ficient in giving them the informa-
tion they are seeking, they natu-
rally endeavour to gain it from
others. And thus incorrect, if not
dangerously erroneous ideas may
be, and doubtless often are, diffused
into their unsuspecting minds.

LITERARY.

FROM THE BOSTON RECORDER.

We understand that James
Marsh, A. M. and Richard C.
Morse, A. M. Alumni of the Theo-
logical Institution at Andover,
are engaged in the translation of
Bellerma's Biblical Geography,
from the German, with a view to
publication. This is a valuable
work, and on an important sub-
ject. The geographical description
of countries which have been the
theatre of remarkable events, en-
ables us to transport ourselves
thither in imagination, and to
enter upon the stories even of an-
cient times, with nearly the same
interest and the same conviction
of their reality that we feel in the
events of our own neighborhood.
A knowledge of Biblical Geogra-
phy is important, therefore, to
every one who would strengthen
his faith and increase his inter-
est in the truths of the sacred
volume. But this knowledge is
of peculiar and indispensable im-
portance to the interpreter of the
Bible. Besides its obvious and
immediate benefit in the histori-

cal books, and in illustrating the
frequent allusions to scenery in
the poetical parts of the Scrip-
tures, it is necessary also as the
first step towards an acquaintance
with the manners and customs of
the Hebrews, and with their so-
cial and political institutions;
without a knowledge of which,
many of the doctrines and pre-
cepts of Christianity can be but
imperfectly understood.

The author of the work, which
is now proposed for publication,
is Dr. John Joachim Bellerma,
late Professor of Theology in the
University of Erfurt, in Germany.
It was composed with great care
and accuracy, after a laborious ex-
amination of the original sources
of information, and is spoken of
in terms of high commendation
by the ablest German critics.

The plan of the work embraces
a description of all the towns,
provinces, rivers, mountains, &c.
mentioned in the Bible, including
the Apocrypha; and the descrip-
tion of each town and province is
accompanied with an historical ac-
count of all the changes which it
has undergone, from the most re-
mote antiquity down to the pre-
sent time.

The following are some of the
peculiar advantages of this work.
1. The articles are arranged in
geographical order, and on this
account it has a decided superiori-
ty over other works in which the
alphabetical or historical arrange-
ment is pursued. It presents the
student with a connected view of
the different countries, and en-
ables him to form a picture of them
in his mind. It admits of being
studied in course, like works on
other sciences; while, at the same
time, by the aid of a complete in-
dex at the end, it secures all the
advantages of the alphabetical ar-
rangement. 2. The descriptions
of places are not loose and irregu-
lar, but systematical and complete.
Every text of Scripture in which
the name of any place occurs, ap-
pears to have been carefully con-
sulted, and explanations are given
of all difficulties which might
otherwise embarrass the interpre-
ter. 3. The etymology of the dif-
ferent names is given. 4. The
work is not a bare nomenclature
of provinces, towns, rivers and
mountains, but contains also what-
ever is important in respect to
history, statistics, trade, inhabi-
tants, &c. and is calculated to ren-
der the study of the Bible interest-
ing as well as instructive.

FROM THE PORT FOLIO.

Literary Intelligence.—Authors
and publishers throughout the
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transmit, post paid, to the Editor
of the Port Folio, the titles of such
works as they are engaged in writ-
ing or publishing, with the particu-
lars of size, price, &c. Much in-
convenience and loss might be
avoided, if such a list as we con-
template, could be submitted to
the literary world at stated peri-
ods. We understand that there
are no less than three editions of
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which cannot be disposed of be-
cause the publishers to whom they
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was made, answered, that he had
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which is notoriously incorrect.
We understand that another edi-
tion, from the same vicious copy,
has recently been published in one
of the eastern states. A third edi-
tion was commenced at the same
time in Philadelphia, but aban-
doned in order to avoid the com-
petition. The conflicting editions
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ous of his own affliction, and that which
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guing journey was undergone by his fa-
ther in order to restore him to his home,
and to the reason he had lost; but, he
fled from him thro' the mountain's rug-
ged cliffs, and disappeared. Trackless,
however, as was his path, he was closely
pursued, and heard of from the banks of
the Ohio until he reached Rockville, in
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mation that can be given of this
unfortunate youth would be thankfully
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